

**TOWN OF SOMERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT STUDY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman Kathy Devlin, Fire Commission Chairman Keith Burger and by conference call Fire Commission Member David Palmer. Members absent included Fire Commission Member Andrew Rockett. Those also in attendance included Somers Volunteer Association Fire Department Division President Tim Percoski, Somers Volunteer Association Chairman of the Board/EMS Division Chairman Rick McDonald, Fire Chief Gary Schiessl, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Falcone and Firefighters Al Baker, Ray Stoval and Bob Wheeler.

Volunteer Fire Department Association/Town of Somers Agreement:

Ms. Pellegrini distributed copies of the latest draft received from the Association and lengthy discussion followed. She notified the Committee that she will be meeting with both Town attorneys to discuss the revised document in the near future. A final revised agreement is hoped be presented at the next Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.

Fire Chief Job Description:

Ms. Pellegrini distributed copies of the Fire Chief Job Description received from the Career Staff. Mr. Percoski informed the Committee that a revised job description will be distributed and that it will be a collaborative document from both the Career Staff and the Association with minor changes included. It was agreed to review the document and lengthy discussion followed. Members of the Committee were concerned that it was too long and onerous of a document and recommended that Ms. Pellegrini refer the final document, once received from the Association, to the Town Labor Attorney for final review.

Recommendations for Selection Committee:

Ms. Pellegrini distributed Hiring Sub Committee Recommendations that were received from the Career Staff. Lengthy discussion followed. Additional possible selection committee members were added to the list for consideration. The Association will be forwarding a list of volunteer names to the Committee in the near future to be added to the list. The Committee thanked both the Career Staff and Association members for the list of recommendations. The Committee will make the final decision regarding the make-up of the Hiring Selection Committee in the near future.

Process Discussion/Next Meeting Date:

It was agreed the next Ad Hoc Committee Meeting would be on Thursday, June 4th, 2015 at 6pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Burger made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 30, 2015 Fire Department Study Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed.

The April 14th Fire Department Study Ad Hoc Committee Meeting was previously canceled.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm, seconded by Mr. Burger. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Pellegrini-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.